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(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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FOR FURTHER ACTION
See paragraph 2 below

International application No.
PCT/IB2004/050746

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☒ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. **FURTHER ACTION**

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Box No. I Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - ☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material:
 - ☐ a sequence listing
 - ☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing
 - b. format of material:
 - ☐ in written format
 - ☐ in computer readable form
 - c. time of filing/furnishing:
 - ☐ contained in the international application as filed.
 - ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
 - ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
3. ☐ In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	1-10
	No: Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	1-10
	No: Claims	
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-10
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:

see separate sheet

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Re Item V.

1.)

Reference is made to the following documents:

D1 : US 3 601 161 A (ERWIN BUHRER ET AL) 24 August 1971 (1971-08-24)

2.) Novelty and inventive step:

Document D1, which is considered to represent the most relevant state of the art, discloses an apparatus, where the sand distribution to a moulding box is controlled by moving an intermediate container horizontally underneath a sand supplying conveyor.

Means for controlling the belt conveyor speed according to a speed profile providing varying trajectories is not in the prior art, therefore the subject-matter of claim 1 is novel (Article 33(2) PCT)

a.)

The sand distribution in the flask is improved and not derivable from the teaching of the prior art, therefore claim 1 of the present application is considered as involving an inventive step (Article 33(3) PCT).

b.)

Claims 2-6 are dependent on claim 1 and as such also meet the requirements of the PCT with respect to novelty and inventive step.

c.)

The subject-matter of claim 7 involves the method for using the apparatus of claim 1 and is also not known from the prior art. Therefore also this claim is new and involves an inventive step als set out under 1.) to 4.)

d.)

Claims 8-10 are dependent on claim 7 and as such also meet the requirements of the PCT with respect to novelty and inventive step.

3.)

Industrially applicable:

Since the invention is used in apparatuses for the casting it is clearly industrially applicable.

Re Item VII.

Contrary to the requirements of Rule 5.1(a)(ii) PCT, the relevant background art disclosed in the document D1 is not mentioned in the description, nor is this document identified therein.

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